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CHRISTMAS COMING.

THE EVE OF THE GREAT DAY NOW NEAR AT HAND.

Sunday for Religious Observance and Merriment for Festivities and Socialities.

To-morrow is Christmas. In many of the churches the services will have added to the solemnities of the Sabbath music and decorations becoming the anniversary of the day on which our Lord was born, which marks a joyful era in history, and a new and better religious life for a great portion of the world. It is a happy occurrence that places the religious observance on one day and the fun and frolic on another, for by common consent Monday will be the time for the gayeties. While Sunday may be heartily devoted to public and private worship, to thanksgivings, and to the songs of praise, which should ever mark this so luminous in the records of time—so potent in its bearing upon man's eternal welfare.

Monday. In this land there are few as austere as not to wish "a happy Christmas" to all who can find enjoyment in innocent mirth and in social reunions, and much allowance will be made to the exuberance of youth. Already the boom of the cannon-cracker and the skyward course of the rocket indicate that the boys are determined to show their appreciation of Christmas; and they will find it hard to adjourn their festivities from to-night to Monday morning; but a general thing they will do it, and for doing it will be able to resume operations with more vigor than ever Monday. The police will be lenient to the revelers on Monday, and all those who are determined to "make a day of it" will find that, within a reasonable limit, it will be allowed. Once out in Richmond on a Christmas as this privilege grossly abused. It will not be attempted, or, if attempted, permitted, again. The officers of the law will draw a sharp line between joy and revelry.

BUSINESS. There will be a pretty general suspension of business on Monday. The city State, and Federal offices will all be closely closed, except the post-office, which will observe Sunday hours. The banks and freight depots will also be shut up Monday—a fact of which it behooves many people to take due notice today.

OLD FASHION. There is about the weather that Arctic flavor which brings the season pretty near up to the standard of "an old-fashioned Christmas," and if there is a fall of snow, as seems now probable, it will rank well with the ancient Christmas of which the young people hear their fathers and grandfathers talk so much.

There is this about Christmas—that while the aged may perhaps take less and less interest in it, there is always a crop of youngsters to whom the story of the Babe of Bethlehem is new and inspiring, and who look upon Santa Claus as a veritable visitor who comes down the chimneys and places in the carefully hung-up stockings the year's reward for the children. From the slapping of the hand has been down in the week now drawing to a close it would seem that Santa Claus this year will come with such a stock of pretty and good things as the young people have never before seen. The packages that have arrived here by mail and express also indicate that friends and relatives at a distance from Richmond are kindly and overabundantly remembering the old and young folks at home.

ALWAYS WITH US. The year closes with numerous causes for rejoicing in thanks to the power of All Good, in kindly remembrance of dear ones; above all in gifts to the poor, upon whose hearts no Christmas log burns, and in whose store there is nothing to give a glow to childish hearts. Those who appreciate the land in which they dwell and the blessings they enjoy can best show their gratitude, can best prove that they are in truth followers of old and believers in Him who went about doing good.

RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS—CLOSING EXERCISES, PRESENTS, &c. The public schools of this city closed yesterday at 12 o'clock for the Christmas holidays. From the slapping of the hand has been down in the week now drawing to a close it would seem that Santa Claus this year will come with such a stock of pretty and good things as the young people have never before seen. The packages that have arrived here by mail and express also indicate that friends and relatives at a distance from Richmond are kindly and overabundantly remembering the old and young folks at home.

At nearly all the buildings there were given the closing exercises, consisting of recitations, singing, &c., which were greatly enjoyed by all the pupils and teachers.

It is a pleasure to recognize the kindly feelings existing in all our schools between principals, teachers, and pupils, as shown by the numerous costly presents made yesterday. Mr. W. E. Fox, of the High School, received a handsome set of Irving's Works, a beautiful nut, inkstand, and gold pen, a monochrome and handkerchiefs. Mr. J. P. Thomas, of Marshall School, received a very elegant silver pitcher, waiter, and goblet, silk handkerchiefs, &c. Mr. James H. Peay, of Eliza School, received a \$20 gold piece and other presents. Mr. S. T. Pennington, of the Central School, received a handsome bookcase and desk, a scarf-pin, &c. Mr. Carlton, of West-End School, received a very valuable easy chair and other presents. Mr. William A. Bowles, of Leigh School, received a handsome rocking chair, scarf-pin, handkerchiefs, &c. Mr. George H. Facer, of Bellevue School, received an elegant easy chair and other presents. Mr. Thomas P. Crump, of Baker School, received a handsome silver goblet and other presents. Mr. E. M. Garrett, of Moore School, received a valuable pair of gold spectacles and other presents. Mr. George P. Perry, of Navy-Hill School, received a lovely set of china, consisting of forty-four pieces, and other presents.

In addition to the above named presents, a large number of valuable gifts were made by the beautiful presents made by the scholars to the teachers, and by the teachers to the scholars.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL. The closing of the Richmond Normal School for the Christmas holidays took place yesterday morning at the building on Twelfth street between Clay and Leigh. The exercises were interesting, and consisted of singing by the school, the reading of selections by half a dozen pupils, and short addresses by Colonel John B. Cary, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. S. P. Moore, a member of the School Board, and others. At the close of the exercises the Superintendent, in the name of the teachers, presented to Mr. S. T. Beach, the principal, a very handsome gold-headed cane. Several of the teachers were also the recipients of presents from their pupils. The school is now in a prosperous condition, and is doing a fine high-school work for colored students.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Mr. Gill, superintendent of the Male Orphan Asylum, yesterday received from Mr. Lewis Ginter, who is in New

INTO THE NEW ROOM.

MANCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE REOPENED TO-MORROW.

The structure changed and its beauty greatly enhanced—Programme—Children Made Happy—Personal, &c.

The audience-room of the Bainbridge Street Baptist church, which has been closed since the second Sunday in October, will be reopened to public worship to-morrow with exercises suited to the occasion.

During the period mentioned the entire edifice has been greatly improved and beautified, and in attractiveness of appearance is not inferior to any church in the city.

THE IMPROVEMENTS. The changes consist in the erection of a large choir-gallery in rear of and above the pulpit, and the extension of the roof and upper portion of the structure, which formerly only went back as far as the choir-gallery, and the interior greatly improved the symmetry of the exterior, and the former, it is thought, will add much to the interior arrangement. The entire building, inside and out, has been newly painted, making it bright and lusty; &c. The choir-room has been newly carpeted and the benches painted and varnished; all necessary repairs to the structure have been made, and the entire front yard and the walkway on the north side of the church have been paved. The improvements may be fully appreciated the pastor cordially invites all to be present to-morrow and see for themselves.

THE COST. The entire cost of the improvements has been about \$1,300. As a most admirable result, the pastor, Rev. L. B. Threlkeld, has secured a circular letter, a copy of which he has had placed in the hands of every member and of friends of the church, asking them to enclose in the envelopes which were sent in letters a contribution of travel between here and Richmond, and its advent was witnessed by a large crowd. The success of the enterprise has far exceeded the expectations of the pastor and his friends. The work now needed is a more thorough service, and for this the people are growing impatient. The cars leave each end of the line and pass any given point every fourteen minutes. This is a decided improvement on the original ten-minute schedule, and the interval between the passage of two cars should certainly not be longer than ten minutes. Besides, the accommodations for persons traveling at night are not what might be desired. At 8 and 11 o'clock, and once or twice between 8 and 11 o'clock, an interval of two hours. It would not doubt be to the advantage of those interested in the enterprise to consider the matter and to make the improvements with the beginning of the year.

HAPPY SCHOLARS. There was joy beyond measure at the First Street Baptist church last night, the occasion of the annual present-benestowing upon the children of the Sunday school. Rev. P. A. Peterson made an address that was greatly enjoyed by both children and grown folks, after which each child received a present from the school. Six special prizes were given to those who had learned perfectly the largest number of verses from the Bible.

Charles Berry was presented with a pretty silver watch for repeating two hundred and thirty-five verses. Valentin received a gold medal for repeating one hundred and thirty-five verses. Marshall Valentin, Lulu Mann, Minnie Amos, and Bessie Wells each received a book for reciting a smaller number of verses.

The same offers were made for the coming year.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS. The infant class of the Central Methodist church will have a Christmas-tree Monday night.

The ladies of the Meade-Memorial Episcopal church are making their Christmas decorations.

The visiting friends in lower Chesterfield.

Mr. P. V. Cogbill, Commonwealth's attorney of Chesterfield county, was in the city yesterday.

The new clerk's office at Chesterfield Courthouse is nearly ready for occupancy and Clerk Cogbill will soon move into it. The old office was entered by thieves Wednesday night, but it is not known whether any valuable papers were stolen.

The Manchester merchants were busy yesterday, and will be busier today selling Christmas goods. The weather was good, and there was an unusually large number of countrymen in the city.

The public schools of this city and of Powhatan district, of Chesterfield county, closed yesterday at noon for the holidays. They will probably not reopen until Tuesday, January 3d.

Mr. William W. Michaux and bride (nee Sublett) returned from New York yesterday afternoon. They will spend several days here with the bride's father, Mr. James M. Sublett, and on the evening of the 26th will tender a reception to a number of their friends at "Michaux's Grant," the residence of the groom, in Powhatan county. Quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen of this city will attend the reception.

THE DAMAGE OF WRECKERS. Yesterday afternoon when one of the carriages owned by Colonel Carrington, of the Exchange Hotel, was being driven down Eighth street between Broad and Grace the horses took fright from the explosion of firecrackers under the wheels, and the carriage was wrecked at a rapid pace. In front of the Acad-

my the carriage collided with a cart, slightly damaging the latter and throwing the driver of the former to the ground. The frightened steeds continued their career down Eighth until they encountered a telegraph-pole near the Alleghany depot. This caused the carriage to be overturned, the horses, which were captured here, were not injured. The driver was but slightly hurt.

LOCK'S CONDITION FAVORABLE. Dr. Hugh M. Taylor, when asked by a Dispatch reporter last night how Milton Lock was, replied that he was doing very well; that no unfavorable symptoms had developed, and he felt very hopeful of his recovery.

LOCK'S YOUTH WHO WAS ASSAULTED and stabbed about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning by a ruffian who attempted to jerk from the protection of the young man his sister, whom he was accompanying home from an entertainment at the hotel, was not injured.

IMPORTANT ACTION IN RELATION TO THE MOZART ASSOCIATION. At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Mozart Association Thursday night it was decided that *musicales* be given, beginning in February, twice a month instead of weekly. By this change it is hoped to improve the quality of the entertainments. It was also resolved to do away with the reserved-seat feature.

THE BOARD EXTENDED AN INVITATION to Mr. Nolte, the director of the orchestra, to give a concert of his choir, soloists, and orchestra to Richmond during the festival week next May.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF THE UNION CLUB. The Union Democratic Club had their annual service at Cornhill Hall last night. The hall was crowded with ladies and gentlemen, who enjoyed themselves very much. The affair was a success, and the committee and the club are to be congratulated. There were many city officials and prospective candidates there. Dancing and supper were among the attractive features of the programme, and the young people spent the evening very pleasantly indeed.

MR. POLK MILLER'S HOUSE ROBBERED. Night before last about a quarter past 8 o'clock, while Mr. Polk Miller and his family were at supper, a sneak-thief entered the house, unlocked a door, and, going up stairs, gathered together a lot of clothing and other articles and made off with them. The thief waited until the supper-bell was rung before entering the house. About \$100 worth of goods were stolen.

MR. MILLER HAS BEEN A MAN standing around his house for several weeks, and feels that he is the robber.

TO HUNT AND GIVE CIGARETTES. The West-End Hunters, a sporting club composed of gentlemen residing in the western portion of the city, will leave here this morning to spend their holiday in the woods of Powhatan. They will be accompanied by their wives and families, and will give two or three concerts. Nearly all of the members of the club are good musicians—either vocal or instrumental.

HEAVY SNOW. Since last Sunday thieves have stolen from the premises of W. A. Chesterman, 1017 East Canal street, eight windows with iron bars across them for guards. One of these frames was a good turn for two men, so it shows great audacity in the thieves carrying them off, as it could hardly have been done without a wagon.

THE CANAL TRUCK. The first train over the temporary track laid by the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company in the bed of the canal so as to pass the break made a successful trip yesterday.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS. The public markets will be closed Monday.

The Henrico County Court will be in session today.

There will be no musicals at Mozart Hall Monday night.

There will be no services at the Soldiers' Home Sunday.

A "Never-Say-Die" matinee will be given at the Academy this afternoon.

Miss Lillian G. Wade has returned home after a seven-months' visit to her mother, Mrs. J. S. Thompson, of McGill, S. C.

Judge Wellford yesterday signed the order of adjournment of the Circuit Court of Henrico county until the third Monday in January.

Mr. James T. Wade, of Philadelphia, formerly of Richmond, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wade, of 331 South Laurel street.

Mr. Harry C. Wall, of this city, who has been appointed Assistant Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, is a brother-in-law of Doorkeeper Hurt.

Professor Willis, of Staunton, will preach at the First English Lutheran church Sunday morning and at the Second church at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Branch was eighty-five years old yesterday. At night he gave a family reunion at his residence at the northwest corner of Grace and Sixth streets.

A number of the members of Dr. Hoge's Old-Market-Hall congregation have requested him to deliver a Christmas sermon at the hall to-morrow night. He has not yet given his answer.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Dunston will take place from Laurel Street Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Dunston's husband was one of the witnesses in the Claverius trial.

The ambulance was called to the Richmond and Alleghany shops about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to one of the colored operatives, who had his foot badly mashed by a piece of timber falling upon it. He was taken to his home, and the driver of the ambulance was not injured.

We offer the remainder of our stock of Holiday Goods, consisting of Toilet, Dressing, Shaving, and Odor Cases, Smokers' Sets, Pocket Necessaries, Infant's Sets, &c., at cost, as we do not wish to carry any stock.

L. WAGNER, Druggist, Sixth and Broad streets.

TO DAY. Eight pounds Candy, my make, \$1. Six pounds French Candy, \$1. Six pounds New Nuts, \$1. Ten pounds New Figs, \$1. Six pounds Layer Raisins, \$1. Ten pounds Persian Dates, \$1. 1105 Main street.

Branch Store, Seventh and Broad. Goods sent free to any part of the city.

SWEET ATTOR OF ROSES. The evocating Persian Perfume, only 70 cents per fancy bottle. This is the best thing for a Christmas present. Secure at once at the Turkish Store, 922 Main street.

THE ELITE CHOICE CANDY HOUSE. Anton's, 1105 Main street; Branch, Seventh and Broad.

TO DAY. We were too busy to write an advertisement, but to invite all to call and inspect our handsome line of diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, clocks, &c., &c. Gifts for all ages and all purses. Goddard & Moses, 920 Main street.

HUGE AND FORTRESS. In infinite assortment at the Turkish Store.

THE YAGU WAR. Desperate skirmishes between Mexican Troops and the Hostiles. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

Excitement on Main Street. There was quite an excitement yesterday at 1216 East Main street (Purcell, Ladd & Co.'s old stand) on account of the immense crowd. They completely blocked the sidewalk on the front entrance of 1216 East Main street. The cause of the tremendous crowd was the Great Fire-Insurance Clothing Sale. This stock consists of \$47,000 worth of Men's, Boys', and Children's Clothing. Everything will be sold at 40 per cent. less than actual cost, as it is ordered that the entire stock must be settled up in a few days. This is the first time a sale of this kind has taken place in this city; may never occur again. In order to show what extraordinary bargains will be offered a few prices are quoted. Ask for the following-mentioned articles. The Great Fire Sale will enable the people of Richmond and vicinity to secure their clothing for almost nothing: Men's Fine Heavy Overcoats, \$4.95 worth \$14; Pants at \$1.25, worth \$4 or more; a Rem-fund. We offer a Man's Heavy Short-Pee-Jacket for \$2.75 worth \$5. Remember that \$1.65 buys a nice Boy's Suit worth \$5; \$1.75 buys a good Overcoat for the little fellow really worth \$5.50. Do not forget this, that a man can get a \$2.75 pair of pants for 50c. Five hundred dozen of Men's Fine Socks at 3c. a pair; 600 dozen of Suspenders at 10c. a pair at the Great Fire-Insurance Clothing Sale, No. 1216 East Main street, corner of Thirteenth (Purcell & Ladd's old stand). Open evenings till 9 o'clock; Saturday, till P. M.

CARD-CASES AND PURSES. at the Turkish Store, 922 Main street.

Joseph W. Blair, with F. B. ROBERTSON & BROTHER, 622 East Broad street. Finest Raisins, Figs, Nuts, Mince-meat, Plum-Puddings, Cooking Wine, Medicinal Whiskies, Jamaica Rum, Scotch Whisky, Old Virginia Hams, and innumerable table delicacies at lowest prices.

Elegant Bulgarian Dainties. at only \$1.25 a set at the Turkish Store.

Auton! the price of confectioners and leader in popular prices, brings out his train of confectioners, and announces a list of prices of candies, nuts, &c., that astonish every one. Just read it.

Silk Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Neckkerchiefs and Shawls, at the Turkish Store.

The Richmond and Alleghany Railroad will sell tickets during the holidays at one limited straight fare for round trip between Richmond and Lynchburg for \$4.30. Tickets will be sold December 23rd and 24th and December 30th and 31st, good to return until January 3, 1888.

Two Stores that are Unequaled. Anton's, 1105 East Main street; Branch, Seventh and Broad. No adulterated Candies sold there.

Sweet Attar of Roses. The evocating Persian Perfume, only 70 cents per fancy bottle at the Turkish Store.

Huge and Fortress. In infinite assortment at the Turkish Store.

BOOK SALE.

BARGAINS TO-DAY

CATHOLIC PRAYER-BOOKS, BIBLES, DORE, BIBLE GALLERY; DORE, INFERNO; DORE, PARADISE LOST; DICKENS'S WORKS, CHILDREN'S BOOKS, JULES VERNE'S WORKS, BOYS' SEA LIBRARY.

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